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SUBJ: LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION DISCUSSIONS

REFS: A) STATE 146670, B) PARIS 18383 AND PREVIOUS,
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1. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AT SPECIAL COCOM MEETING JUNE 24 TOWARD ACHIEVING FULL AGREEMENT ON LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION. UNANIMOUS ACCORD NOW APPEARS IMMINENT ON FOUR MONTH INTERVAL AND OVERALL LIMITATION OF "IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE" TEN MONTHS. ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO THIS FORMULA AND FRENCH HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT BY REGULAR COCOM MEETING 6/28. USDEL STATED THAT HE COULD ONLY AGREE TO THIS WORDING IF IT WOULD PERMIT UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. US WITH HELP OF UK AND ITALIAN DELS HEADED OFF LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY BELGIAN DEL REGARDING PROHIBITION ON SUBDIVIDING SECOND ROUND. BELGIAN PROPOSAL WOULD ONLY HAVE SERVED TO COMPLICATE NEARNESS OF AGREEMENT ON INTERVAL AND OVERALL LENGTH QUESTIONS. USDEL DID STATE FOR RECORD OF DISCUSSION HOWEVER THAT US DID NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED INTENTION
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TO SUBDIVIDE SECOND ROUND AND THAT IN ANY EVENT ANY SUCH SUBDIVISION WOULD REQUIRE UNANIMOUS COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

2. USDEL LIFTED RESERVE ON UK FORMULATION OF PARA II(C) REGARDING REVISED PROPOSAL(SEE REFTEL C). BELGIAN DEL FOLLOWED SUIT BY WITHDRAWING HIS OBJECTION. HE STATED FOR

THE RECORD, HOWEVER, THAT IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH SECONDING INVOLVED NO COMMITMENTS BY THE SECONDING PARTY REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REVISED PROPOSAL.

3. FRENCH DEL CONTINUED HIS RESERVE. HE REITERATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE OPPOSED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF REVISED PROPOSALS ITSELF. THEY BELIEVED, HE SAID, THAT REFERENCE TO REVISED PROPOSALS IN TEXT OF LIST REVIEW PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT WOULD INSTITUTIONALIZE A PRACTICE USED BY SOME DELEGATIONS TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS AT THE LAST MINUTE. CHAIRMAN, SPEAKING FOR REST OF COMMITTEE, URGED FRENCH TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION PARTICULARLY AS REVISED PROPOSALS WERE A NECESSARY TOOL FOR ANY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASKED HOW THE FRENCH WOULD ENVISAGE SOLVING A DEAD-LOCK BETWEEN TWO PROPOSALS IF NO "REVISED PROPOSALS" COULD BE SUBMITTED. TAKING COGNIZANCE OF HIS ISOLATION, FRENCH DEL PROMISED TO REVIEW MATTER AGAIN WITH HIS AUTHORITIES BUT HE COULD NOT PROMISE THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE A QUICK RESPONSE.

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